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Shantung's Black Economic Future

Aboard Flying Arrow on route to Kobe, Jan. 24, Communist North China appears to be facing the blackest economic picture in the history of China.

A black picture is painted by the Communist North China Government in its report on the economic situation of the province.

My informant was a Communist official in the North China Government.

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Maxim Wins Title Bout

Joe Maxim of Cleveland, Ohio, last night won the World's light heavyweight boxing championship in London by knocking out the British title holder, Freddie Mills, in the 10th round of their scheduled 15 round fight.

A big crowd saw a hard hitting bout.

A description of the fight appears on Page 6.

MURDER TRIAL

Wife Testifies For Husband

Mrs. Jane Smith, wife of the accused murderer, testified for her husband in the trial.

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Conservatives' Election Manifesto

ELIMINATION OF CONTROLS: LESS TAXATION

London, Jan. 24. The British Conservative (Opposition) Party today made its supreme bid to recapture control of Britain's destinies with an election manifesto naming full employment as "No. 1 priority" if they win a five years' term of power.

The 22-page manifesto, called "This Is The Road", pinpointed also as chief aims slashed taxes, an end to nationalisation, homes for all, a fair field for enterprise, and tightening of Britain's bonds with the Commonwealth, America and Europe.

The manifesto largely forecast and adhering to the Conservative Party's earlier policy statement, "The Road For Britain", the manifesto proposed to "weaken the Socialist industrial control and to ease the tax burden by 'taxing' Government expenditure."

The manifesto, which has a foreword by the Party leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, stands for compulsory service to sustain British defence. It said that peace was the Party's supreme purpose but thought that the financial burden of defence could be "sensibly reduced."

It declared that an "essential" series of "British" economic measures would be taken if the Party came to power.

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Diplomatic Telegrams Sold By PO Official

Berne, Jan. 24. A 60-year-old senior official of the Swiss Post Office admitted today that for 19 years he had been selling to the French copies of telegrams sent by the British Legation here to the Foreign Office in London.

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London Zoo's Bear Cub

First picture of Bruma, six-week-old Polar bear cub, with his mother Ivy at the door of their Zoo den. Never before, in the Zoo's 120 years' history, has a Polar bear cub survived for more than a few days. The cub is about 20 in. long and covered with white down. Says Keeper Bruce Smith: "Our only risk now is fog. If that keeps off I have every hope that the cub will be reared." Photograph was taken by Evening Standard cameraman W. H. Alden from a tree 40 yards away.—London Express Service.

Pickets Get Busy

PREVENT RETURN TO WORK

Pittsburgh, Jan. 24.—Hard-hitting bands of United Mine Workers pickets spread rebel strikes against UMW's three-day week today, aggravating coal shortages which already have forced four steel companies to schedule production cuts.

Pickets moving through the Pennsylvania fields in large groups closed 28 more mines last night and this morning. More than 77,000 miners have joined the walkout which the UMW president, John L. Lewis, ordered on Jan. 23.

The Crucible Steel Company, its mines closed, released 500 steel workers today and placed 1,000 more on part-time schedules. Two open hearths and one blast furnace at its Pennsylvania plant were shut down.

Republic Steel Corporation put back its operations 22 percent late today. Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company began banking its blast furnace at Brier Hill. Sharon Steel Corporation said it would reduce its blast furnace operations about 25 percent next week unless more coal could be obtained.

Pickets travelling in automobiles moved from mine to mine in a well-organized drive. At Vista No. 4, Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation mine in southwestern Pennsylvania, they stopped buses carrying the morning shift to work. The mine was closed.

Pickets estimated to number 200 appeared at the Company's No. 5 mine this morning. They talked to the morning shift and the men went home. Miners from West Virginia and Ohio rushed into Pennsylvania to help close mines. Only two mines reopened in Western Pennsylvania today. Less than 13,000 of the 90,000 who joined in the United States last week were back at work as ordered.

A state-by-state survey showed 43,000 miners idle in Pennsylvania, 17,000 in West Virginia, 10,000 in Ohio, 6,000 in Alabama and 1,000 in Kentucky.

There was no violence. Rebel pickets met only scattered vocal opposition.—United Press.

MacArthur Convinced Third World War Means End Of Civilisation

Tokyo, Jan. 24.—General Douglas MacArthur is convinced that a third world war would destroy civilisation as we know it. That conviction and some others held by the Supreme Commander can be set forth with assurance on this eve of his 70th birthday anniversary.

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Famed Dancer To Marry

London, January 24. Dancer, actress and writer Lady, Lady H. C. Kennedy, is to be married on February 25 in the Chapel of Hampton Court Palace. King Henry VIII's favourite residence.

This announcement, published in the "Daily Express", further details that the bride and groom will have a honeymoon in the West Indies and then take over a year in the States.

Mrs. Kennedy, 23-year-old Southern-born redhead, played the Academy award picture "The Best Years of Our Lives" and visited the United States in 1949 with the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company.

Recently 30, she was the wife of "Captain" F. C. Kennedy, who was in the war. He and his wife live in an apartment in the Palace 15 miles West of London, which the King awarded them because of the captain's heroism. Associated Press.

His birthday celebration will not be elaborate. As he will be spending the birthday with his wife and 12-year-old son, Arthur. The general will go to office as usual. Top members of his staff and hundreds of diplomats and others are expected to call on him to extend their greetings.

It is General MacArthur's conviction that he has done pretty well here and hopes for Japan's returning to the world family of nations as a remade country following the pattern accepted by democratic nations.—United Press.

PAL Cargo Plane Missing

Manila, Jan. 25.—A Philippine Air Lines C-47 cargo plane, with three men aboard, disappeared yesterday while on a flight from Iloilo to Manila and is now the object of an intensive air, land and sea search.

Aboard the plane were the American pilot, Anthony Scurlis, the Filipino co-pilot, R. Tania, and Captain Jose Rico, chief pilot of the Civil Aeronautics Administration, who was on an inspection trip.

The plane was last heard from at 10.50 a.m. yesterday and it had been scheduled to land in Manila shortly after noon. Planes which began the search yesterday again flew out this morning, while naval patrol ships in the vicinity joined in the search.

Constabulary detachments in places along the route of the plane were given the alert.—United Press.

HEADMISTRESS ACCUSED

Stockholm, Jan. 24.—A 50-year-old boarding school headmistress was accused in the Swedish press today of having flogged crippled children until spinters of birch were embedded in their flesh.

In accounts based on interviews with former pupils, Miss Emilie Becker was alleged to have removed the braces from the legs of a child suffering from infantile paralysis, forcing him to crawl in his nightgown into the room of an assistant mistress for a birching.

Officials of the Swedish Medical Association said that they were investigating. The school is in Hagslingborg, South Sweden.—Reuter.

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EDITORIAL

Objections Overruled

THE sort of protest which certain Chinese educationists in Hongkong have lodged against the deportation of an active Communist worker, who happened to be the principal of a local Chinese Middle School, and the protest submitted to Mr. Creech Jones, Secretary of State for the Colonies, by M. Joliet Curie, Chairman of the International Federation of Scientific Workers, against the Hongkong Government's decision that the local branch of the China Scientific Workers' Association is an illegal organisation, need occasion no surprise; nor is there any call to admit the validity of such protests. Both actions taken by the Hongkong Government were justified: both represented application of laws which have duly been approved by the people of Hongkong. No apology is needed. Rather is it necessary to put into correct perspective this type of protest. It is, first and foremost, propaganda, designed to give false impressions, and in consequence, to create doubts and fears in the minds of the general public of Hongkong; also to stir up anti-British feelings elsewhere in the world. It is well that this be thoroughly appreciated. Peking Radio has a specific function to fulfil: the same function as that requested to Moscow Radio. That function is high pressure propaganda—some intended solely for domestic consumption; some for easily deluded listeners overseas. Goebbels developed to a high point of efficiency this radio technique, and today it continues to play a notable part in dominating the lives of nations who live under dictatorships. Thus, when Peking Radio decides to espouse a cause, it is not because the

object is necessarily considered just or right. And there is precious little chance of listeners having presented to them the full facts of the case: only those aspects which suit the propagandist angle. Objectivity is not the aim of newspapers and radio stations controlled by Communist governments or their fellow travellers, and this is especially so when they are dealing with foreign relations. In the cases under review, Peking Radio as the principal "spokesman" for the People's Republic of China has no right to protest over official Hongkong actions which are carried out in compliance with the laws of the Colony. Those laws have been written and passed to safeguard the welfare of the inhabitants of Hongkong, and if it is found that an individual, by his actions, or an organisation because of its characteristics, violates our laws, there is only one proper line of action to take. Hongkong has to protect itself; to see that peace, law and order is maintained. On that score there can be no compromise. Its government, too, is invested with powers to adopt whatever measures it feels necessary to guarantee the peace, happiness and prosperity of the community, and to make as certain as possible that no active subversive elements exist to threaten the tranquillity and stability of the Colony. The same rights and powers are held by all recognised governments in the world, and they must be respected. It is, therefore, futile for Peking Radio, or any other agencies, to protest against actions taken under laws which have been constitutionally approved and which represent the will of the people. The objections must be overruled—and firmly so.

The Party would restore normal, friendly relations with the Government, aiming at more human relations in order to win a fair share of the proceeds for the workers and abolish the direction of labour.

Positive steps "undoing" the work of the Socialists would include the killing of the Steel Nationalisation Bill.

The Conservatives would also scrap the Socialist's second Five Year Plan for nationalising sugar, meat distribution and water.

The Conservatives' statement said that among future tasks in foreign policy was the need to make an Austrian treaty on terms which would safeguard Austrian independence and provide for the withdrawal of the occupation forces.

The Conservatives declared that, above all, they sought to work in fraternal association with America to help by all means all countries in Europe, Asia or elsewhere "to resist the aggression of Communism by open attack or secret penetration."

They said that "we will do all in our power to develop the new relations in the Commonwealth with India, Pakistan and Ceylon."

The Conservatives also stood for closer European unity.

INTERNAL AFFAIRS

In internal affairs the Conservatives' aim was to abolish the rationing system as soon as the prime necessities of life were within reach of every family.

The policy of State bulk buying would be ended subject to existing commitments and no nationalisation would be brought to a full stop "here and now."

The nationalised coal industry would be drastically reorganised as a public undertaking, nationalisation of embankments and railways halted, nationalisation of railways halted, nationalisation of railways halted, nationalisation of railways halted.

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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



A TUNE FOR TEDDY—When Sylvia Ritums, three-year-old from Latvia, arrived in New York aboard an air transport, she happily struck up a tune for her teddy bear. The child was accompanied by her parents, and they were all headed for Detroit, Michigan, where they will settle down.



LURE—Starlet Lita Baron used to be a member of an all-girl orchestra. Now she's the female menace to Fred MacMurray in a new film.



WHO COULD IT HAVE BEEN?—A prize White Rock rooster pecks inquisitively at the feathered hat worn by Nita Bre during the Poultry Show in New York. The bird seems to have a fowl opinion of the chapeau which may look oddly familiar to it.



ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE—Patricia Joiner is the latest addition to the ranks of new talent in Hollywood. A producer saw her in an amateur play and persuaded her to take leave of absence from her milk company job. She isn't likely to go back.



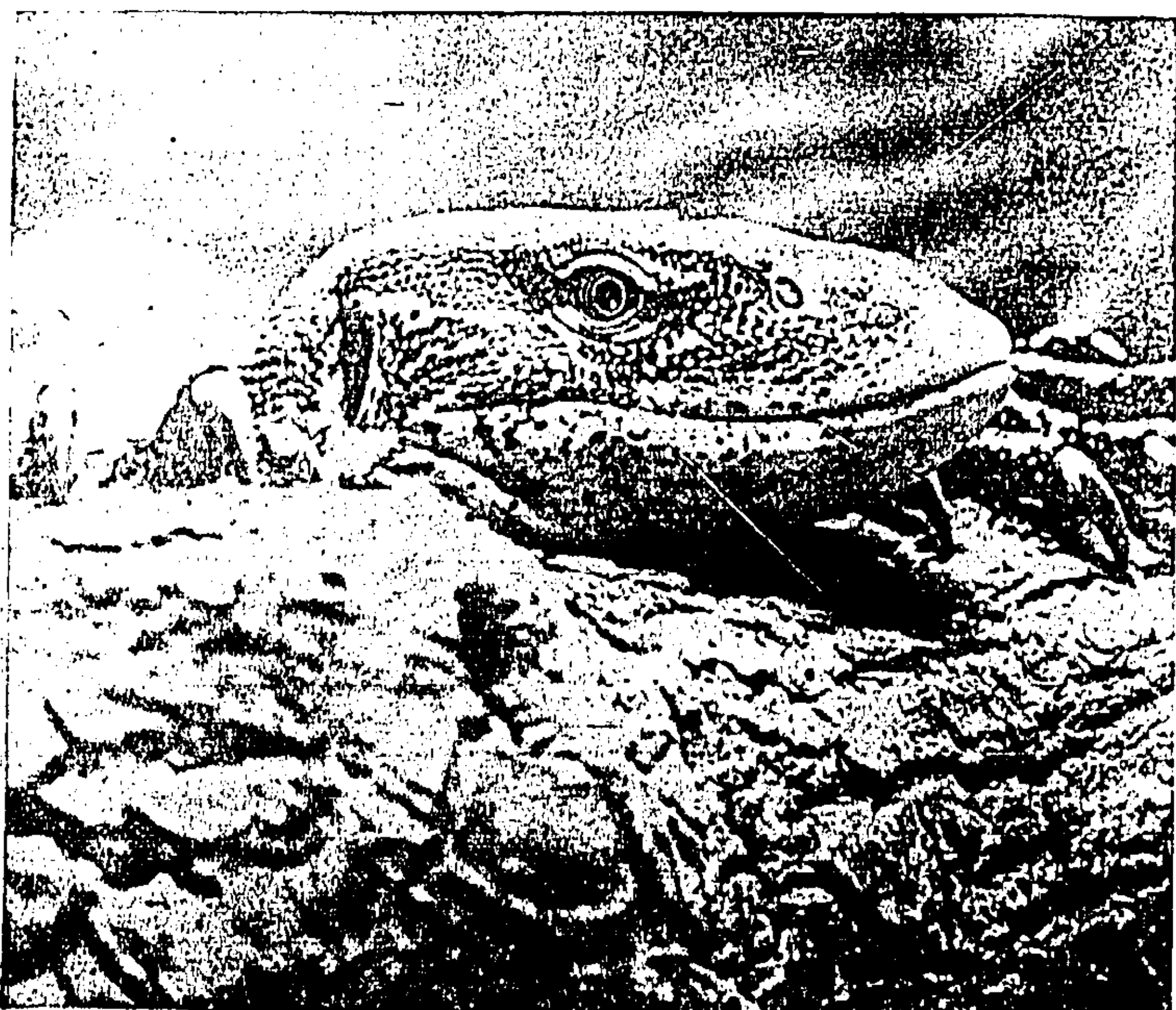
WINS COVETED ATHLETIC PRIZE—Dick Button, 19-year-old Harvard sophomore, shown here in New York, holds every major figure skating crown for which he is eligible. The U.S. Amateur Athletic Union has also awarded him the 1949 James E. Sullivan Memorial Trophy, the first ever given to a winter sports athlete.



NO MORE SNAKES!—Little Nicole Valsiere, aged six, has been thrilling French audiences with the act she does with her five-foot Rose Python snake from Brazil. But a court order has taken the child out of her animal trainer step-father's show, and now Nicole's back in school learning her three R's.



TRAVELLING HIGH—When her master died, bequeathing her to "some deserving person," Rosa, a pet monkey, was flown from Chicago to a new owner. Hostess Joan Hurley fed her.



HELLO, FOLKS—Even a reptile has its feelings, and this lizard, an inmate of the London Zoo, was as curious to get a glimpse of the cameraman as the latter was to get a good picture. It's obvious they both got what they wanted.



NAMED FOR AMERICAN SAINT—These nuns were among those who flew to Rome from American communities to visit the church named after the first American Saint, Mother Frances Cabrini. They belong to the Order founded by the Saint.

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BY MILTON SHULMAN

This is why New Yorkers have to run

NEW YORK.

HOLLYWOOD film-makers
American novels and
reports still do not adequately
prepare the British visitor
to New York for the intro-
ductory impact of abun-
dant, noise, impatience,
frenzy, glitter and haste
which greets him as he
spends his first few days
here.

Initially it seems as if every
citizen has been recently injected
with a vigorous shot of adrenalin,
as if every automobile hooter
in creation has become vocal at
once, as if every conceivable
luxury is to be had for the grasping
and as if every manly an-
nouncer is about to pronounce
Judgment Day through the cour-
tesy of his own particular spon-
sors.

Within a week you discover
the superficiality of these early
impressions. You soon realise
that this apparent communal
hysteria is not a way of life but
a background of life. It quickly
recedes into a dull rumble which
one can easily shut out.

New Yorkers have to run so
fast because it takes them longer
than most other people to get to
the same place. The traffic jams
around Broadway at theatre time
make it difficult to cross at five
o'clock like Saturday. It may take
something up to half an hour to
travel less than a mile.

Reflex action
THE feeling of one hooter does
not mean the driver expects
anyone to pay attention to them.
It is merely an automatic reflex
action every time a taxi driver
squeals his brakes.

The radio is as much a part of
American life as a television set.
It is switched on with the alarm
clock and left with the bedroom
lamp. The New Yorker has de-
veloped mental blind spots im-
mune to advertising which
enables him to carry on his daily
activities without being conscious
of the myriad wireless voices
threatening him with indigestion,
body odour, old age, constipation
and cigarette hangover.

To the British business man
allowed eight pounds sterling a
day for the packed and shining shop
windows and the inevitable piles of
gold at the end of a frustrating
rainbow.

Devotion has made him a
pamper and. Where a news-

paper costs 6d, a sandwich 4s.,
an average meal £1, a theatre
ticket almost £2, and the ironing
of a suit 5s., he can just manage
to pay for his essential require-
ments and still look the bellboys
in the eye.

Night life

NOT only are the fascinating
and plentiful goods denied
him, but he will see nothing of
New York night life unless he
has generous friends who do not
expect him to contribute.

It is pleasant to be able to buy
a bottle of whisky by lifting a
telephone receiver, but the joy
is somewhat diminished by the
fact that it will cost almost £3.

A modest night club will
charge you £5 for two if you eat
a little and drink less, but if you
want to sit near the so-called
celebrities that dine at places
like The Stork Club or Twenty-
One it will cost the exchequer
somewhere between £10 to £20.

London theatre-goers need
have no inferiority complex as
far as Broadway is concerned.
Whereas 30 theatres are in action
in London there are only 20
producing plays and musicals in
New York. From what I have
seen I would say that the stan-
dard of plays, musicals and
theatre is considerably higher in the
West End than it is here.

If London is sensitive about
the fact that 25 per cent of its
theatres are occupied by Ameri-
can plays, it can take some com-
fort in the knowledge that
English actors like A. E. Mat-
thews, Evelyn Williams, Marjorie
Hunt, Edna Best, Leslie
Danks, Rex Harrison, Joyce Ted-
dman and Maurice Evans are bril-
liantly demonstrating to Ameri-
cans the true virility of the Eng-
lish stage.

Lack of talent

NEW YORK too is finding it
difficult to discover sufficient
domestic playwright talent to
keep its theatres filled.

Producers here keep a discern-
ing and vigilant eye on any
Shakespeare Avenue product
with potentialities in the Ameri-
can theatrical market.

New York audiences receive a
play with about as much en-
thusiasm as a box of dried oys-
ters. Even such gay and suc-
cessful musicals as "South Pacific"
and "Kiss Me Kate" achieve
little more than perfunctory ap-
plause. This apathy may be
traced to the fact that there is
nothing to drink during the in-
tervals but orange fizz.

To most Americans Arthur
Rank and British films are one
and the same thing. Since
Rank's latest financial statement
was fairly well received here it
is now assumed that British films
are glorified pastiche like the
Tiller Girls and the British
squares.

A discussion of British films
usually revolves around three
pictures only—"Hamlet," "Red
Sails" and "Quatermass." Since
these have been running in New
York for almost a year it is evi-
dence enough of the current
death of good British films.

Slightly scratched

"PASSPORT TO PIMLICO" and
"Fallen Idol" have recently
sailed off the shelves in the
taken their place, amidst en-
thusiastic applause, by the
splendid cinema which
alone offer our films a showing.

Dwarfed as they are by the
gargantuan palaces which house
American films, and the extra-
vagant advertising which heralds
them, it is not surprising that
American pictures are still only
slightly scratched the conscience
of the huge American film-
going public.

Television is to be seen in
practically every New York bar.
This is understandable since
American television can so readi-
ly drive anyone to drink.

Technically and artistically
they have still a great deal to
learn from the BBC. Watching
the average television show is
like seeing bad vaudeville
through

